

BRITAIN STILL CLAIMS SEA CONTROL; ENTHUSIASM GROWING IN GERMANY

HUGHES STOCK RISING AMONG DELEGATES ON CONVENTION EVE

Experienced Politicians Declare Justice Will Be Named on Early Ballot If Not Eliminated in Some Fashion—Roosevelt Reported Second in Race.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

CHICAGO, June 4.—Hughes stock was on the rise today among delegates gathering for the Republican convention. It has been rising perceptibly for the last twenty-four hours.

Increasing confidence on the part of Hughes leaders that their candidate will be nominated and energetic efforts by Roosevelt forces, favorite sons, and part of the Old Guard, to head off the Justice marked today's situation.

The best judgment of level-headed politicians of long experience is that unless Hughes in some way is eliminated, either on his own motion or by some new maneuver of the opposition, he is likely to win on an early ballot.

If Hughes should be eliminated, then in spite of all the efforts of the favorite sons, it is probable Roosevelt would be named. Managers of the favorite sons continue to insist that if Hughes is out of it, it will not be Roosevelt but some man on whom he puts the stamp of his approval.

Arrival of former Congressman Herbert Parsons of New York, who will be the new national committeeman to succeed William Barnes, jr., of State Chairman Tanner, of New York, and other Hughes leaders, has had the effect of strengthening the movement for him visibly.

WHITMAN AND FOLLOWERS ARRIVE.

This afternoon the main body of the New York delegation, with Governor Whitman, reached the scene. The Hughes leaders from New York declared 50 of the 57 votes of that State would go to the Justice on the first ballot. Not only that, but they held out the idea that sooner or later all but a small number of the New York delegates would align for Hughes.

It is conceded that Root, though he has many admirers among the delegates, stands practically no show of nomination. The Hughes movement, until the New York leaders arrived and took hold, had been chiefly directed by Frank H. Hitchcock, Parsons, Tanner, Whitman, and others proved useful re-enforcements. Governor Whitman will take a large part, if not the chief part, from now on in directing the Hughes campaign.

The thing not yet clear is to what extent dominating forces of the Old Guard Republicans are going to swing to Hughes or to what extent they are going to hold out against him. Vigorous rumors are in the air, however, that they are likely to tumble over themselves to go in the Hughes direction.

It is known that former Senator Crane of Massachusetts is disposed to throw his strength and influence to Hughes after weeks had been committed. Senator Smoot is openly for Hughes. Senator Boies Penrose of Pennsylvania, who has been quieted in at least fifty-one of the seventy-six delegates from Pennsylvania, has not yet decided, at least openly, which way he will jump. He does not like Hughes, fearing that if Hughes is President he will find that the atmosphere chill and cold when he goes to the White House. He would prefer Roosevelt to Hughes, and would prefer a reactionary of the old guard to either one. He will go where the political pasture looks greenest for Penrose and the members of the Penrose machine, but he is not looking for a loser.

Gets Flood of Protests.

The reports that Penrose was inclined toward Roosevelt have brought down on his head a flood of telegrams of protest from German-Americans of Pennsylvania. They openly threaten his political ruin if he supports Roosevelt. These telegrams have disturbed him, but he has been quieted in part by information that a large share of them have been prepared in Chicago. These telegrams are only a part of the accumulating evidence that German-American influences are at work trying to sway the convention both as to candidates and platform.

Everybody recognizes that Penrose is simply listening and waiting, and trying to find out where to go. He is hostile as ever to Roosevelt, but Barnes has been sick with pneumonia poisoning most of the time since he has been here. Physical and political indisposition prevent Barnes cutting anywhere near the figure in this convention that he did four years ago. He looks like a broken horse.

ARMIES REST AFTER FORT VAUX BATTLE

Drive West of Meuse Expected to Be Renewed Following Failure at Stronghold.

LONDON, June 4.—A lull in the fighting around Verdun, following the desperate clashes at Fort Vaux the last few days, was reported from the Paris war office today.

Military experts now believe that the attack of the Germans will shift back to the northwestern front, west of the Meuse, before many hours. It was here the crown prince delivered mighty blows last week.

This belief is based on the fact that the French have held Fort Vaux against the desperate thrusts of the Kaiser's forces. Paris says the Germans have made no attempt to press the advantage they gained Friday night in this section, when they stormed and captured a ditch position north of the fort.

The Germans report another successful raid against the British front southeast of Ypres. It was announced that Wurtemberg regiments stormed and captured the ridge southeast of Zillebeke and English positions lying behind the hill, capturing one slightly wounded British general, one colonel, thirteen other officers, and 33 men. The British suffered heavily, Berlin reported.

General Haig later reported to the war office that Canadian troops made an impetuous counter-attack, recovering most of the lost ground. General Macer and Williams, of the Third Canadian division, are missing. They are believed to have been killed or captured. Considerable activity is being shown by the Russian forces along the Austrian front. A determined infantry offensive on the Austrian front may be forecast by the renewed activity.

ROME, June 4.—The Austrians drove hard against the Italian front in the region of Asiago, in a series of fruitless attacks, continuing all day Friday, General Cadorna reports.

BRITISH SEA CHIEF AND LOST ADMIRAL



REAR ADMIRAL HORACE HOOD.

ADMIRAL SIR JOHN JELlicoe.

China's Lost Idol Is Found, Jade Key To Nation's Fate

RETAIL MERCHANTS TO JOIN IN PARADE

Plan to Organize in Preparedness Pageant—House Acts on Holiday Tomorrow.

With the participation of thousands of men, women, and children in the preparedness parade on Flag Day assured, members of the committee in charge of arrangements for the pageant today awaited action of Congress making the day a legal holiday. The House is expected to agree to the resolution early tomorrow morning.

The Senate already has voted on the question. It is up to Majority Leader Kitchin to present the matter to the House, so many more thousands of clerks and employees of banks and other institutions may be excused from employment for the day to enter the line of march.

One of the principal movements in behalf of the pageant today was the calling of a meeting of the proprietors and managers of all retail business establishments to discuss plans for the formation of a section for the parade. The meeting will be held at the Raleigh Hotel on Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock.

It is the plan to add as many of the employees and owners of these establishments as possible to the line of march at this meeting.

Women's Section Grows.

Another development of the day was the announcement of the Department of the Potomac Woman's Relief Corps, Auxiliary to the Department of the Potomac, G. A. R., that it would enter the parade.

In addition, the Girl Scouts, more (Continued on Third Page.)

Dr. Sun Yat Sen, Eastern Man of Destiny, Waits Return of Talisman.

READY TO STRIKE DICTATOR

Stolen Jade Image Traced Around World and Recovered by American.

By KENDRICK SCOFIELD.

Somewhere within a thousand-mile radius of Peking, the gloomy and the forbidden, is Sun Yat Sen, man of destiny and first President of the Chinese Republic.

He is in hiding. About him swirl the mists and shadows of Oriental intrigue. Guards stand at his elbow, lest some overzealous knife reap the blood price which is still upon his head.

Hundreds of trained fighting men, capable of officering a great army of revolt, are within a day's ride of him. Tens of thousands of patriots, to make the rank and file of such an army of revolt, have been drawn from the rolls of the Young China Association, and are ready at his word to take the field.

RULER'S POWER WANING.

In China's capital, Yuan Shi Kai, late premier of a fallen dynasty, and successor, by grace of Dr. Sun's favor, to the Presidency, is fighting his last-ditch battle, aided by that diplomacy and sinister finesse which earned for him the title of "The Chinese Richee." (Continued on Fourth Page.)

ZAPATA THREATENS MEXICAN CAPITAL

Carranza May Have to Recall Men From North to Defend Mexico City.

EL PASO, Tex., June 4.—No serious menace to the city of Mexico that it is considered possible many of the Carranza troops recently rushed into northern Mexico may have to be recalled to the south to defend the capital from the bandits.

The menace is the most serious the Carranza government has faced since returning to Mexico City to make headquarters, according to official advice received by Mexican military officers in the north, who have been advised to hold themselves and their commands in readiness to entrain for the south on short notice.

The disturbing news comes at the moment that Gen. Jacinto Trevino and Gen. Gabriel Gaviira are distributing about thirty thousand troops throughout northern Chihuahua for co-operation with the American forces in cutting down banditry.

It is said that the menace of the Zapata army menacing the city of Mexico may have an important bearing on the negotiations between the de facto government of Mexico and the Government of the United States over the withdrawal of the American troops from Mexico.

In the event of necessity for hurrying some of the Carranza forces back to Mexico City, instead of insisting on the American forces getting out of his country, it is declared today that Carranza may soon thank his stars that they are there for the preservation of order which he has not the men to enforce.

General Gaviira, following his conference with General Pershing, has placed himself in personal command of the forces sent him to co-operate with the Americans in wiping out banditry in northern Mexico. General Pershing suggested that the Mexican zone commander take charge personally, and General Gaviira has accepted.

NORTH SEA STREWN WITH HUNDREDS OF BODIES AND DEBRIS

Every Ship Reaching Danish Ports Reports Ghastly Reminders of Greatest Naval Engagement in History—Germans Declare School Holiday to Rejoice.

Great Britain still controls the sea.

That is the flat statement of the British admiralty after sifting latest reports of the great naval battle in the North Sea.

In startling contrast come reports from Berlin of a nation gone mad with enthusiasm.

All Germany is celebrating what she claims to be the end of Britannia's mastery on the seas.

Even the schools have taken up the celebration, and an official holiday has been declared for the children to pay tribute to the German grand fleet.

While these conflicting reports of two nations, both defiant, triumphant, come in, there come also the sadder details—of a sea strewn with dead, German and Briton alike, victims of the most stupendous naval engagement in history.

Hundreds of horribly mutilated bodies and great quantities of wreckage are drifting about in the sea, all steamers arriving at Danish ports report.

HUNDREDS OF BODIES SEEN.

COPENHAGEN, June 4.—Hundreds of bodies, many of them horribly mutilated by explosions, and great quantities of debris are drifting about in the North Sea near the scene of the battle between the German and British fleets.

All steamers arriving at Denmark ports report sighting floating bodies and bits of wreckage.

The steamer Para arrived today, having picked up a raft aboard which were three German survivors from the torpedo boat V-48. They had clung to the raft for forty-eight hours and were semi-conscious when rescued.

They reported that ninety-nine of the V-48's crew perished and that in all about twenty German torpedo boats were destroyed.

London Views Battle As Tactical Victory

LONDON, June 4.—Far from regarding the great North Sea battle as a defeat, England looks upon this greatest naval fight in the world's history as a tactical victory.

For the first time since the war began the full British fleet under command of Sir John Jellicoe has been in action. Before England the entire German high seas squadron fled. Despite England's heavy losses in ships and men the sentiment of the country is summoned up in the message of King George to Admiral Jellicoe, saying:

"I regret that the German fleet was not inclined to face the encounter they professed to desire."

Sorrow over the loss of two rear admirals and upward of 5,000 officers and trained seamen is mingled with pride in the fact that once England's first-line ships swung into view the dreadnaughts of the Kaiser turned back.

No "seventeen-inch guns" of which Germans have talked were brought into play and though as many as fifteen British ships went to the bottom they were of the lighter type and were sunk by Germany's super-dreadnaughts, which failed to account for a single English ship of their own class.

The admiralty officially denied that the dreadnaught Warspite was sunk, as claimed by the Germans. It was also denied that the Alcaster was sunk. Both of these ships have returned to port. Against this the admiralty admitted the sinking of three additional destroyers—the Shark, Nomad, and Nestor.

Reports were also received adding the superdread-

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